

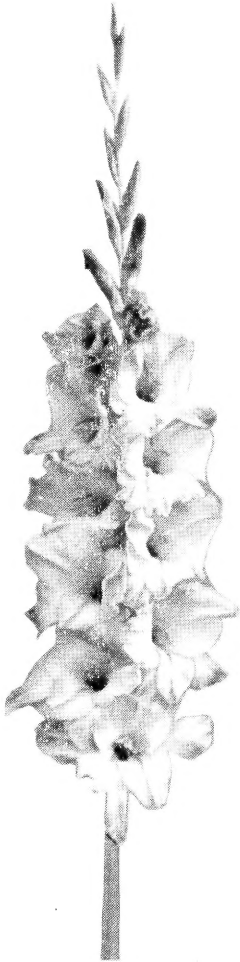
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1953

# GLADIOLUS



PRINCESS

*Introducing:*

PRINCESS  
LIBERTY  
KING SIZE  
LAVENDER BLUE  
GARNET RUFFLES  
CHEROKEE

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THE CREAM OF RECENT INTRODUCTIONS



## PLEASE READ BEFORE ORDERING

In compiling this year's catalog, we have made every effort to include only the very choicest recent introductions. Each year we try out many varieties coming from hybridizers in Europe, Australia, New Zealand and Canada as well as in this country and try to select the most outstanding for inclusion in our catalog. The 40 varieties we include are culled from several hundred we grew last summer. We could offer a larger list but don't see how we could offer a more select one, for this year we have been much more drastic than ever before in including only varieties that are definitely outstanding and distinctive. We believe that if you wish to grow the very best of the newer gladioli not one in this list should be passed over.

In our description of each variety we try to furnish a guide as to how it has performed, backed up in almost every case with actual measurements. In general, the NAGC and NEGS classifications have been followed, although a few apparent inconsistencies have been adjusted.

We sell 10 bulbs or bulblets at 8 times the single price (or 4 times the rate for 2) and 100 bulblets at 8 times the rate for 10; 5 at the 10 rate and 25 at the 100 rate. Because our growing space is limited, we do not undertake to supply over 10 bulbs or 100 bulblets of a variety to a customer. We never substitute without permission. Shipment will be made by prepaid parcel post about the first of April.

Cash discounts are given for all orders over \$5. On orders from \$5 to \$15, subtract 5% discount; from \$15 to \$25, subtract 10%; and over \$25, subtract 15%. If you prefer not to deduct your discount, we will make it up in extras that will please you. The five 1953 Introductions are not subject to discount, nor are the Special Offers of Starter Stocks.

## NEW INTRODUCTIONS

Based on the results of the annual NAGC Symposium we have introduced from one to three of the top ten new varieties in each of the past three years. We are proud of our recent selections which include Hamlet, Blue Devil, Stylish, Valentine, Leah Gorham, Columbia and Rosita, and believe that the 1953 introductions which we are introducing in this catalog will again live up to the high standards which we try to maintain.

1953 Release	<b>PRINCESS</b>	Class 466
<i>Early Midseason</i>	( <i>Larus</i> )	<i>Eliz, the Queen x Miss Wisconsin</i>

As seedling 46-39-3 this lovely lavender has compiled a remarkable show record. Prizes include:

1950           **Connect cut Show**  
Award of Commendation (1st Day)  
Runner-up to Grand Champ (2nd Day)  
                  **Peekskill Shows**  
Award of Merit  
1951           **Farmingdale Show**  
Award of Merit  
American Home Achievement Medal  
Best 3 Spike Seedling  
Grand Champion  
                  **Western Mass. Show**  
Award of Merit  
Best Seedling  
                  **Connecticut Show**  
Two day winner, class 466

1952           **Connecticut Show**  
Best Seedling  
Runner-up to Grand Champ  
Third Most Popular Variety in Show by Vote of Public  
                  **Rhode Island Show**  
Best Seedling  
Grand Champion  
                  **NEGS Show**  
Award of Merit  
Best 3 Spike Seedling  
                  **Peekskill Show**  
Best Seedling  
                  **Conn. Seedling Meeting**  
Award of Merit

PRINCESS opens 8 to 11 perfectly placed, 5" to 5¼" rose lavender florets that have a cream throat and a deep rose spear. The ruffled florets are similar to Eliz. the Queen, but considerably deeper and more rose. The spikes are 50" to 60" tall with a 23" to 28" flowerhead carrying 19 to 24 buds. The foliage is vigorous and husky.

This past summer Princess was grown and tested by 7 of the most prominent and reliable growers in this country and Canada. Every one of them recommended its introduction and rated it highly. In no case (including our garden) has any misplacement, crooking, flecking, or poor health been noted. Five of these men reported actual measurements under field conditions. The average of these measurements was 50" tall, 23½" head, 19 buds, 5" floret, and 8 to 9 open. These results under average culture indicate that Princess is a fine commercial prospect and does not require special care to produce large spikes.

Its growth habits are among its strongest features. Bulblet production, germination and health are excellent. The ability to open up to 11 in precise placement has been one of the factors that has made Princess the best show variety in our garden. No other variety with the possible exception of Leah Gorham has been so reliable in consistently producing top grade spikes. Picture on front cover.

Large   \$3.00	Medium   \$2.25	Small   \$1.50	Bulblets   \$5.00
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1953 Release	<b>KING SIZE</b>	Class 542
<i>Late Midseason</i>	( <i>Hartman-Gore</i> )	<i>California x Sir Galahad</i>

There seems to be little doubt that this is an outstanding variety, due to its immense spikes. Despite occasional flecking and slight misplacement, it is one of the most attractive and fault-free giant glads. The 6" or larger florets are medium pink with a light yellow throat and a small light red blotch. They are well-formed and strongly attached with 7-10 open. Spikes grew 68"-75" tall for us with 23-26 buds on a 34"-37" flowerhead. A good healthy grower that has been approved in the NAGC Trial Gardens and has in two years already won four grand championships. Picture on next page.

We believe that King Size will be widely grown and will prove, along with Princess, to be at the top of the 1953 introductions.

Large   \$5.00	Medium   \$4.00	Small   \$3.00	Bulblets   \$1.00 (only sold with a bulb)
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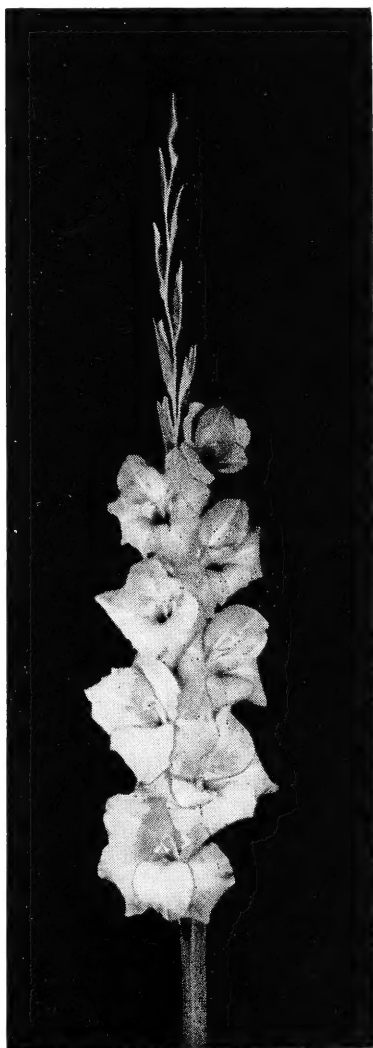
*Early Midseason**(Henderson)**Sport of Eliz. the Queen*

This pale lavender blue sport should become a heavy winner in the light blue (576) class, which at the present time is very weak. The florets are similar in size and form to Elizabeth the Queen, but of a very pale color and with a cream throat. Commercial use will probably be limited by the pale color, but we believe that if Lavender Blue can be exhibited as a blue it will be an outstanding show glad.

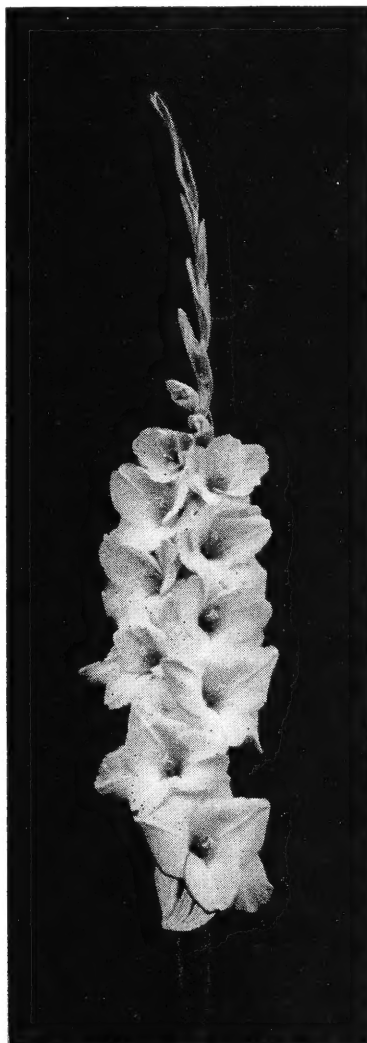
The spikes grew 45" to 58" tall for us this past year with a 21" to 25" head, 18-19 buds and 7 to 9 ruffled 5½" florets open in excellent placement. As a sport of Elizabeth the Queen its growing habits, health and propagation are all excellent.

For those interested in showing we recommend this new one as a great improvement in a weak class.

*Bulbs, any size, \$3.00 (Bulb and 10 Bulblets \$5.00)*



LIBERTY



KING SIZE

Early Midseason

(Maynard)

(Sport of Rewi Fallu x Rose Smoky  
x Grace Stewart Peet)

This clean deep velvety red has been highly successful at shows in Michigan and has been approved in the 1952 NEGS trial gardens. Its record includes:

1950 American Home Achievement Medal

1951 Best Seedling, Score 87

Best Seedling, Score 82

Best Seedling, Score 85

1952 Grand Champion and Best Seedling

Best Seedling, Score 84

Score 88

Score 82.6

Best Seedling, Score 82.1

Best Seedling, Score 84

Mesick, Mich. Show

S. E. Mich. Show

Ann Arbor Show

NEGS East Lansing, Mich. Trial Gardens

Mt. Pleasant Show

State Show, Ann Arbor

NEGS Pennsylvania Trial Gardens

NEGS Washington Trial Gardens

NEGS Massachusetts Trial Gardens

NEGS East Lansing Trial Gardens

Trial garden reports indicate that Garnet Ruffles grows under normal field culture about 50" tall with 19 buds on a 24" head and 7 ruffled 4" florets open. The florets are a rich self color with a narrow silver edge around the petals.

Our experience has indicated that varieties that have received trial garden approvals are well worth trying and for this reason we have selected Garnet Ruffles for our catalog, although we have not tested it ourselves.

1 Bulb (any size) and 5 Bulblets \$3.00

1953 Release

CHEROKEE

Class 590

Midseason

(G. V. Snyder)

Chief Pontiac x Burma

We have seen this as a seedling but have not tried it. Because it looked promising and because there is a strong need for more good varieties in this color range, we feel that we should offer this new one.

Originator's description:

The florets are a rich velvety bronze red, a new and distinctive color, and are beautifully formed, being wide open, ruffled, needlepointed and of good texture. Spikes are uniform with 5½" to 6" excellently placed florets which are well attached. Cherokee opens 7 to 8 on a 55" spike with a 28" to 30" head and 20 to 22 buds. Spikes are straight and good from all sizes of bulbs. Bulblet production and germination are good. Show record includes an American Home Achievement medal and an Award of Merit.

Large \$4.00

Medium and Small \$3.00

Bulblets 10 for \$4.00 (with purchase of a bulb)

1953 Release

LIBERTY

Class 432

Late Midseason

(Larus)

Corona x Burma

This new one has been very thoroughly tested by 12 other growers during the past 2 years, and where actual ratings were given they have all been A or B; none below. Average performances reported have been 53½" tall, 19-20 buds, 26" head, 5" florets and 7 open. We consider this an excellent average for field grown spikes throughout the country. In one garden it grew 60" tall with 21 buds, 30" head, 5¾" florets and up to 11 open.

The florets are a clean light scarlet or medium orange salmon self of excellent form with light ruffling. Attachment is excellent, placement regular, and no crooking or other faults have been noted. A very strong husky grower that has demonstrated its showability by winning several blue ribbons and seedling awards although it has been shown only infrequently.

While it gives promise as a show glad, the reports indicate that its best bet is as a commercial. Liberty is a nice easy grower and healthy. It opens from tight bud. Picture on page 5.

In order to provide a good distribution of the limited stock we will give a free bulb with each order for \$5 or more — large bulbs while they last. Only one bulb to a customer.

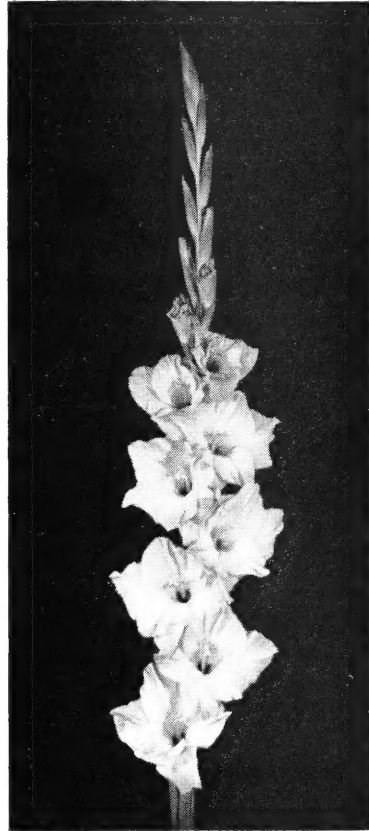


## GENERAL LIST

The General List contains American, Canadian and foreign varieties which we have bloomed. For all foreign varieties, the country of origination is given after the name of the hybridizer, the first number after the name of the originator being the year of introduction abroad and the second number the year the variety was first offered in this country. The descriptions of all varieties in this list are our own and are not copied from the introducer's catalog. All performance records are taken from our own files and are given to show exactly how they have grown for us. Flowerhead measurements are taken the first day open. When fully open, they will usually be 1"-2" longer.



BLUE DEVIL



COL. W. G. ATKINSON

**ANN SHERMAN (M 542 Woods 51)** This fine pink continues to be one of our favorites, largely due to the neat, precise spikes and well formed clean medium pink florets with a raised light midrib. Grows 60" tall with 5½"-6" blooms on a 28" head. Not really a show glad as it seldom opens more than 5 or 6, but has done some winning and is one of the best cut flowers for house use.

<i>Large</i> \$1.50	<i>Medium</i> \$1.00	<i>Small</i> \$.50	<i>Bulblets</i> 2-\$.25
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**AUTUMN MOON (E 510 Fischer 51)** Slightly ruffled light yellow with a little deeper throat. One of the most vigorous of the yellows, producing 50" to 55" spikes with 5½" florets on a 25" head. It has been one of the outstanding yellows in our garden the past 3 years due to its fine spikes and growth habits. We recommend it as one of the best bargains in our catalog.

<i>Large</i> \$.30	<i>Medium</i> \$.20	<i>Small</i> 2-\$.25	<i>Bulblets</i> 10-\$.25
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**BLUE DEVIL (EM 479 Larus 51)** While the stock of this is still limited, we hope to be able to fill retail orders this year. It was rated the best exhibition deep violet by the United States growers participating in the NAGC Symposium, although it is still too new to be widely grown. The florets are a clear deep violet, with a rose blotch on a conspicuous white throat — very striking and different. Spikes are 55" tall with flower heads up to 27" long with 7 wide-open  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " florets. Has been by far our strongest growing and best blue. Voted the Most Popular Variety for two years in a row by visitors to the Connecticut Show. One of the very few blues to have won a Grand Championship. We believe this will be the top show winner among the blues and a valuable commercial. Picture on page 7.

Large \$2.50                      Medium \$1.75                      Small \$1.25                      Bulblets \$3.00

**COL. W. G. ATKINSON (L 466 Williams 51)** We feel confident that this is one of the best commercial prospects among the new lavenders. The rosy lavender 5" florets are attractive and clean. Spikes grow 50" to 55" tall with 18-20 buds on a 26" head. Placement and attachment are excellent, with 7 to 9 open. The stems are strong and straight. It has a good show record and has proven itself in tests in many areas throughout the country. Picture on page 7.

Large 2-\$.25                      Medium 3-\$.25                      Bulblets 20-\$.25

**COLUMBIA (M 407 Roberts 51)** Rated very highly among the newer introductions. The florets are lavender rose at the edges, shading to a creamy white, with a small cream throat. Looks very much like Corona, but we consider it more beautiful and an improvement in most respects. Grows 50" tall with 18-20 buds on a 24" to 27" head and 7 lightly ruffled florets of heavy substance. Attachment is excellent, stems straight and strong, while it is a fine propagator. A good show glad and commercial prospect.

Large \$1.50                      Medium \$1.00                      Small \$.60                      Bulblets 2-\$.25

**DARK DAVID (LM 554 Morgan, Aus., 51-51)** A new dark red from Australia that is climbing rapidly toward the top of its class. The florets are a dark red at the outside, shading somewhat lighter towards the center. While the  $5\frac{1}{2}$ " lightly ruffled florets occasionally have some darker streaking, they are attractive. Spikes grow 55" tall with 19 buds and a 25" head and 8 open. Their massiveness makes them the largest of any of the dark reds. A strong healthy grower that should become very popular and a fine show variety.

Large \$.75                      Medium \$.50                      Small \$.35                      Bulblets 5-\$.25

**DOLLY VARDEN (LM 532 Harris 50)** For the past 3 years this has been one of our top varieties, and we are pleased to see that it is now highly rated in the NAGC Symposium. The spikes are husky and the florets strikingly attractive due to their size, clean color and good form. Grows 60" tall with 18 buds on a 30" head and 6 to 7 open. The 6" florets are deep salmon pink with a large cream throat — an improved Aladdin. Good for exhibition and commercial use.

Large \$1.00                      Medium \$.75                      Small \$.50                      Bulblets 2-\$.25

**ELMER'S ROSE (M 462 Fischer 51)** Rated as one of the top 1951 introductions and near the top of its class in the NAGC Symposium. The 5" ruffled florets are a clean medium rose with a deeper blotch and are very attractive. The tall, strong spikes carry 7-8 open in formal placement. A fine show glad that has won many ribbons and is probably a good commercial prospect.

Large \$.50                      Medium \$.35                      Small \$.25                      Bulblets 10-\$.30

**FALCON (M 567 Woods 49)** This has taken a place among our favorite lavenders, due to its strikingly attractive orchid-like florets and its fine spikes. The heavily ruffled  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " florets are medium rose lavender with a large cream yellow throat and a medium rose blotch. The spikes grow 55" to 60" tall with 18-21 buds on a 24" to 28" head and 7 open. A fine glad for show and house use.

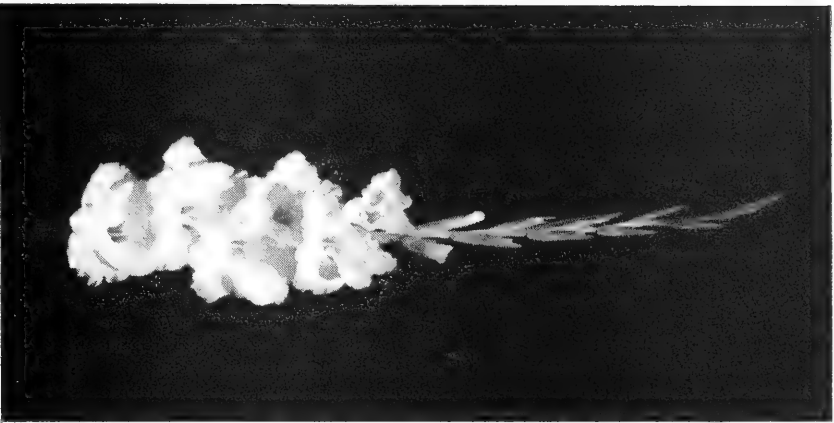
Large \$.40                      Medium \$.30                      Small \$.20                      Bulblets 4-\$.25

**FIRE GLEAM (EM 436 Jack 49)** One of the first really good glads to bloom each year. The florets are a bright and clean light scarlet with a white throat line. They are ruffled and run about  $5\frac{1}{4}$ " in size. Spikes are straight and strong, attaining a height of 60" with 20 buds and a 27" head. A fine show glad and a popular early cut flower, despite slightly weak attachment. In our garden Fire Gleam, Friendship, Heart O' Gold, Salman's Glory and Snowbelle have been our best earlies.

Large \$.25                      Medium 2-\$.30                      Small 2-\$.20                      Bulblets 10-\$.30

**GELBER HERCULES (M 510 Pfitzer, Germ., 52-52)** Despite the fact that we have not bloomed this variety we are listing it because it made a highly favorable impression on us when we saw it growing. The large florets are a medium yellow and are well placed with 8 open on tall, strong spikes. We are listing it this year so that our customers will have an opportunity to try this fine glad as soon as possible.

Large \$.50                      Medium \$3.75                      Small \$2.50                      Bulblets \$.60



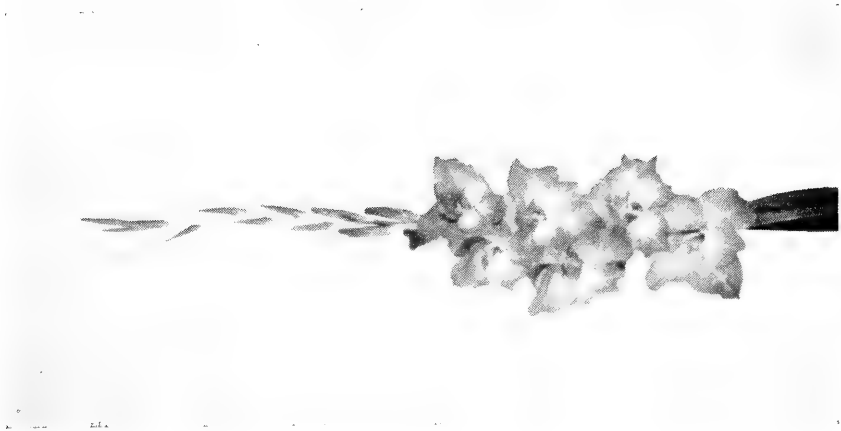
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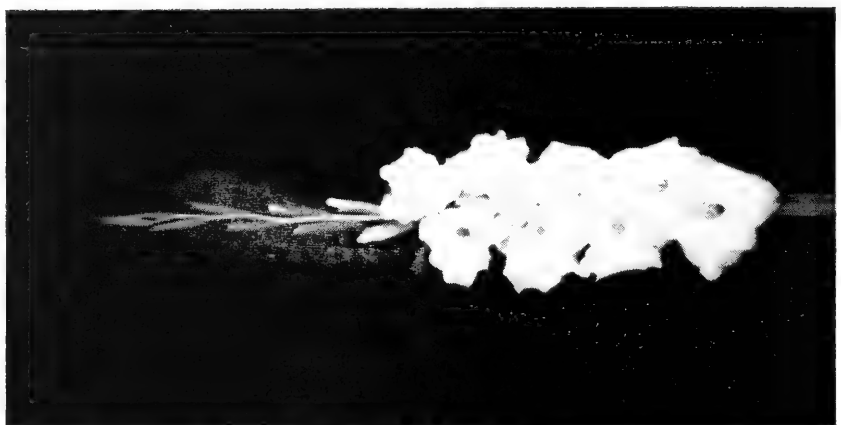
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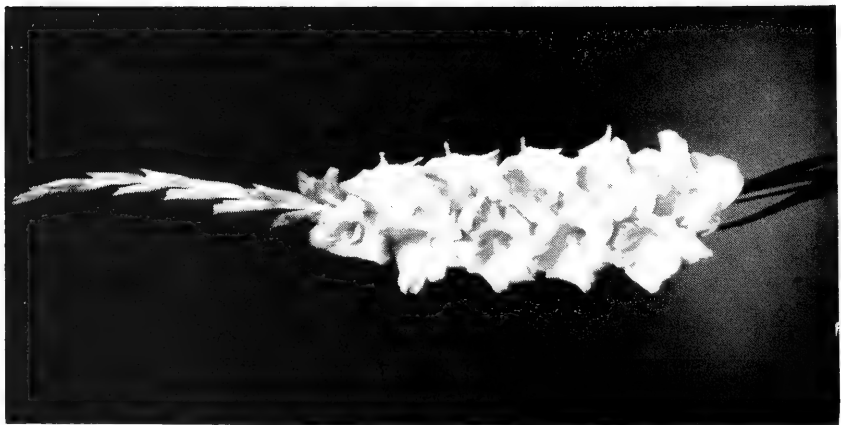
KING DAVID



LEAH GORHAM



PORTIA



QUIBERON

- GLORY** (EM 401 Allen 51) A very pretty and fine glad which is still relatively unknown. The 5¼" ruffled clean white florets have a red blotch on a cream throat and are of excellent substance. Grows 55" tall with 19 buds on a 27" head and 7 open. We consider this to be one of the finest blotched whites.
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| <i>Large</i> \$ .75 | <i>Medium</i> \$ .50 | <i>Small</i> \$ .35 | <i>Bulblets</i> 2-\$.15 |
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- GOLD** (EM 412 Marshall 51) This highly publicized new one is outstanding due to its beauty and depth of color. The heavily ruffled 5" florets are a clear deep yellow self of fine substance. Propagation, health and placement are all excellent. Grows up to 65" tall with 17 buds and 7 open on a 26" head, but the flowerhead is normally shorter. Has won at shows, but its greatest value should be as a commercial, due to the outstanding color.
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| <i>Large</i> \$1.00 | <i>Medium</i> \$ .75 | <i>Small</i> \$ .50 | <i>Bulblets</i> 4-\$.25 |
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- HAMLET** (EM 454 Larus 50) This, our first introduction, seems to have caught on as one of the best all-around black reds. It is rated the second best black red for exhibition purposes by the United States growers voting in the NAGC Symposium. The lightly ruffled 5" blooms are a lovely dark red self with no markings, the white stamens providing an attractive contrast. Substance is heavy and the wide-open florets are resistant to burning, flecking or weather damage. Attachment and placement are excellent. A strong, healthy grower that does well from all sizes. The spike shown on page 9 was 62" tall with 18 buds on a 29½" head.
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| <i>Large</i> \$ .75 | <i>Medium</i> \$ .50 | <i>Small</i> \$ .30 | <i>Bulblets</i> 4-\$.30<br>10-\$.60 |
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- II. V. WRIGHT** (EM 410 Kadel 52) This pale yellow should prove to be one of the outstanding show glads in a year or two when more widely grown. It opens 8 plain petaled and slightly recurved 5" florets on a long flowerhead. The attractive spikes are tall and straight. As a seedling it won many top awards and in its first year after introduction was highly praised by many who tried it.
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| <i>Large</i> \$4.00 | <i>Medium</i> \$3.00 | <i>Small</i> \$2.00 | <i>Bulblets</i> \$.10 |
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- JEAN GOLDING** (EM 420 Blackler, N. Z. 48-51) This is one of the prettiest of the whole list. The lightly ruffled 5½" florets are salmon orange shading to a large orange yellow throat. A very consistent and easy grower that makes spikes up to 60" tall with 18 buds on a 26" head and 6-7 open. Should be able to hold its own at the shows and is one of our favorite cut flower glads for the house. Seems to have the necessary qualities to become a good commercial.
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| <i>Large</i> \$ .50 | <i>Medium</i> \$ .35 | <i>Small</i> \$ .25 | <i>Bulblets</i> 10-\$.30 |
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- JOYFUL** (M 432 Coombs, N. Z. 45-48) Definitely one of our favorite glads and one which we believe should be widely grown for show, house, and commercial use. It is a nice easy grower and as beautiful as any of the pinks or salmons. Grows 55" to 60" tall with 19-21 buds on a 25"-27" head. The 5" ruffled florets are a clean deep salmon with a cream yellow throat, opening 6-8. One of the most versatile of all the glads we grow and one of the few that does not seem to have a material fault.
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| <i>Large</i> \$ .25 | <i>Medium</i> 2-\$.35 | <i>Small</i> 2-\$.25 | <i>Bulblets</i> 15-\$.25 |
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- KAREN** (LM 471 Mazur 52) Very striking new deep rose purple with a large cream blotch. In 1951 the visitors voted this the most popular variety at the Western Massachusetts Show. Grows 50" to 55" tall with 18-21 buds on a 24" to 27" head and 7 slightly ruffled and well-placed 4¾" florets. Should become very popular due to its outstanding florets and good growth habits. We consider it one of the top 1952 introductions.
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| <i>Large</i> \$3.00 | <i>Medium</i> \$2.50 | <i>Small</i> \$2.00 | <i>Bulblets</i> \$.35 |
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- KING DAVID** (EM 570 Carlson 51) A glad that should not need a description due to its amazing success during the short period since its introduction - already rated the top exhibition and commercial purple in the NAGC Symposium. The 6" rose purple florets are heavily ruffled and have an attractive white edge around the petals. Consistently produces good spikes. This and The Rajah are a big step forward in the purple classes.
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| <i>Large</i> \$1.50 | <i>Medium</i> \$1.25 | <i>Small</i> \$1.00 | <i>Bulblets</i> 2-\$.25 |
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- LEAH GORHAM** (M 451 Gorham-Larus 51) The exceptionally favorable reception which this variety has received has been a source of considerable gratification to us, for we went out on a limb in describing this relatively unknown seedling 2 years ago. Since then it has climbed rapidly and now rates second to the much more widely grown Mid-America in the NAGC Symposium. We rate it as tops for both

exhibition and commercial use. The florets are a clean light red with a striking and attractive white blotch. Grows 55"-65" tall with no crooking, and has 18-22 buds on a 26"-30" head. The 5" florets are strongly attached and perfectly placed with 5-7 open. Propagation is good and it is an easy grower. It has the remarkable ability to consistently produce excellent spikes from large and medium bulbs. A heavy show winner and one of our favorites. Seems certain to become a top commercial.

<i>Large</i>	\$ .50	<i>Medium</i>	\$ .35	<i>Small</i>	\$ .25	<i>Bulblets</i>	4-\$.25 10- .50
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**MAZDA** (M 416 Leffingwell 51) This fine variety has been overlooked, due to the limited amount of publicity at the time of its introduction. It is a salmon orange at the outside shading to light yellow in the throat — similar to Patrol. Grows 55" tall with 18-22 buds on a 26" head and 8-10 well formed 5" florets open in excellent placement. A consistent and easy grower that produces beautiful spikes. Its value as a show glad is proven and it looks like a fine commercial prospect.

<i>Large</i>	\$ .25	<i>Medium</i>	\$ .20	<i>Small</i>	2-\$.25	<i>Bulblets</i>	15-\$.25
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**MOTHER FISCHER** (EM 400 Fischer 51) During the three years that we have grown this variety, which is possibly Carl Fischer's best, it has become our favorite all around white. The 5" florets are a ruffled creamy white of excellent substance and outstanding beauty. Spikes are very regular, reaching a height of 55"-60" with 20 buds on a 27" head. Opens 8 florets in excellent placement. A strong propagator and easy grower that has quickly climbed to a high position in the NAGC Symposium for both exhibition and commercial use. We highly recommend this fine glad.

<i>Large</i>	\$ .50	<i>Medium</i>	\$ .35	<i>Small</i>	\$ .25	<i>Bulblets</i>	10-\$.30
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**NOWETA ROSE** (M 566 Fischer 50) Another of Carl's best, this one has climbed rapidly to the top of the ladder as an exhibition glad. Its ability to open 8 to 12 rose lavender 5½" florets in good double placement has been a large factor in its outstanding show record. The spikes are 55" to 60" tall with 20-24 buds on a 23"-29" head. Well deserving of its fine reputation as a top show glad.

<i>Large</i>	\$ .50	<i>Medium</i>	\$ .35	<i>Small</i>	\$ .25	<i>Bulblets</i>	10-\$.30
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**PAINTED LADY** (M 443 Roberts 52) A very different and striking glad which appeals to us. The 5" ruffled florets are a medium pink with a large cream throat bordered deep pink. Substance is heavy and growth habits are good. Grows 50" tall with 18 buds on a 26" head and 6 open. A very nice cut flower for house use.

<i>Large</i>	\$ 1.50	<i>Medium</i>	\$ 1.00	<i>Small</i>	\$ .60	<i>Bulblets</i>	2-\$.25
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**PORTIA** (EM 400 Larus 52) One of the loveliest whites and our favorite cut flower of the whites and creams. The 4½" to 5" lightly ruffled pure white blooms have a small creamy buff throat. Grows to a height of 50"-55" with 16-19 buds on a 24"-26" flowerhead and 6 open in perfect placement. During the 6 years we have grown this one it has been one of the most consistent and faultless glads in our garden, and enthusiastic reports from other growers indicate that it has a promising future as a commercial due to its beauty and reliability. A strong propagator that is very healthy and does not crook or misplace. Attachment is strong. Opens to top when cut in bud.

<i>Large</i>	\$ 1.50	<i>Medium</i>	\$ 1.00	<i>Small</i>	\$ .75	<i>Bulblets</i>	2-\$.30
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**QUIBERON** (LM 416 Errey, Aus., 46-49) One of four varieties which have each won two grand championships for us. Of all the varieties we have grown this is certainly one of the "best bets" for Champion. The 5"-5½" ruffled florets are a lovely peach buff, shading to a deeper salmon at the edges and to a light yellow throat. Grows 65"-70" tall with 22-25 buds on a 28"-32" head and 9-11 open. Despite slight crooking and misplacement this is an outstanding variety. An easy grower and a good propagator.

<i>Large</i>	\$ .35	<i>Medium</i>	\$ .25	<i>Small</i>	2-\$.25	<i>Bulblets</i>	10-\$.25
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**ROSITA** (EM 563 Woods 52) In our garden this was probably the outstanding 1952 introduction. The florets are a medium rose, slightly lighter at the edges and blending into a deeper lavender rose blotch — somewhat similar to Chamouny, Betty's Choice, Early Rose, Gwen and Folklore. We consider the 5½"-6" heavily ruffled florets quite attractive. The spikes grow 55"-60" tall with 19-21 buds, a 27"-31" head and 7-8 strongly attached and well-placed florets open. A strong propagator and vigorous grower. At the Rhode Island show we set up a fine spike which was runner-up to Princess for Grand Champion. It is also an excellent commercial prospect.

<i>Large</i>	\$ 2.00	<i>Medium</i>	\$ 1.00	<i>Small</i>	\$ .60	<i>Bulblets</i>	2-\$.30
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**SIERRA SNOW** (M 400 Barrett 51) We consider this to be the best exhibition white. The 6" florets are white, shading to a light cream in center with faint lavender throat lines. The lightly ruffled florets are attractive and well formed. Spikes grow 60" tall with 21 buds on a 30" head and 8-12 open. Growth and placement are not sufficiently reliable for heavy commercial use, but as shown in the picture on this page the maximum spikes are outstanding.

*Large* \$1.00

*Medium* \$.75

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*Bulblets* 2-\$.25

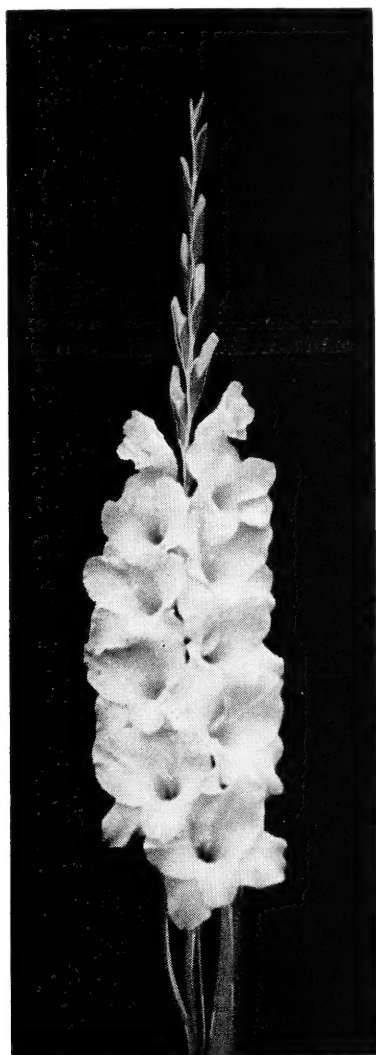
**STYLISH** (EM 442 Larus 51) The only variety ever to receive approval in all the American and Canadian Gladiolus Society Trial Gardens. This lovely medium pink with a cream pink throat and a small deep pink dotted blotch at the back opens 6-7 heavily ruffled 5¼" florets on spikes 52"-55" tall with 20-23 buds on a 24"-27" head. A strong easy grower with excellent habits that make it a potential commercial. No crooking or misplacement.

*Large* \$.60

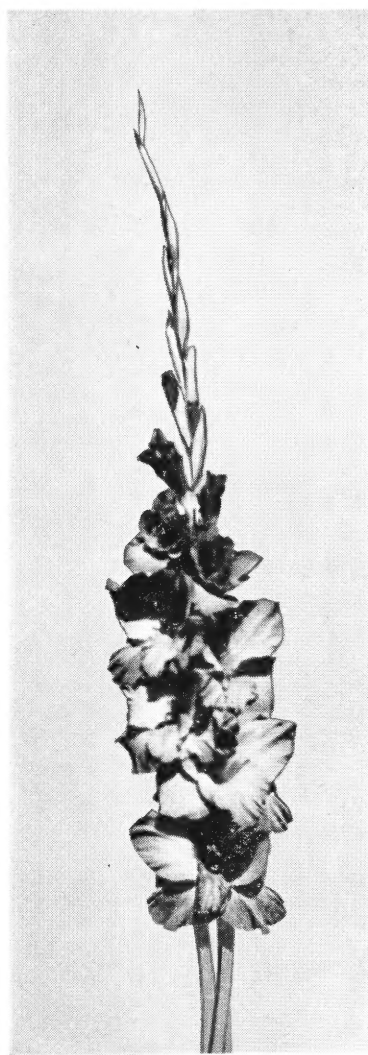
*Medium* \$.45

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*Bulblets* 4-\$.25  
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SIERRA SNOW



THE RAJAH

**THE RAJAH** (M 470 Jack 51) This is definitely one of the two best purples, and in our garden the past two years has been the best. The 5¼" lightly ruffled florets are a beautiful clean rose purple self and are strongly attached and generally well-placed on 26"-29" heads. Grows 55" tall with 7 of 17-19 buds open. A strong, easy grower that consistently makes fine spikes with very attractive florets. One of the outstanding new glads and probably Milton Jack's best. Picture on page 13.

<i>Large</i>	\$5.00	<i>Medium</i>	\$3.35	<i>Small</i>	\$2.20	<i>Bulblets</i>	5-\$.20
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**VALDA** (M 566 Barrett 51) A very attractive medium rose lavender capable of producing excellent spikes with 21 buds on a 28" head and 7-8 ruffled 5¾" florets open. Despite slight misplacement this is one of the best lavenders due to the fine clean color and regular growth habits.

<i>Large</i>	\$2.00	<i>Medium</i>	\$1.50	<i>Small</i>	\$1.75	<i>Bulblets</i>	\$.25
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**VALENTINE** (LM 421 Larus 52) This lovely orange has the ability to make outstanding spikes. The 5"-5½" lightly ruffled florets are a medium salmon orange, blending lighter toward an eye-catching deep orange heart-shaped blotch. The combination is distinctive and we consider it very attractive. The spikes grow 60"-65" tall with long tapering heads of 29"-32" with 18-20 buds. No other variety in our garden consistently produces taller spikes or longer heads. Despite some tendency towards loose attachment in hot weather, we have found it to be one of the best show glads we have.

<i>Large</i>	\$2.00	<i>Medium</i>	\$1.50	<i>Small</i>	\$1.00	<i>Bulblets</i>	\$.20
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**VAN ISLE** (M 590 G. White 52) One of the finest of the 1952 introductions. We were among the many growers who overlooked this one last year, but the spikes we saw this past summer quickly convinced us of our mistake. Its outstanding qualities are the beautiful color and heavy substance of the florets, which are a brown mulberry with copper shadings and a large mulberry feather on a white background. The ruffled 6" florets have a heavier substance than any other variety we have seen. Grows 45"-50" tall with 12-16 buds and 5-6 open. Its magnificent florets overcome any other shortcomings.

<i>Large</i>	\$2.00	<i>Medium</i>	\$1.50	<i>Small</i>	\$1.00	<i>Bulblets</i>	\$.25
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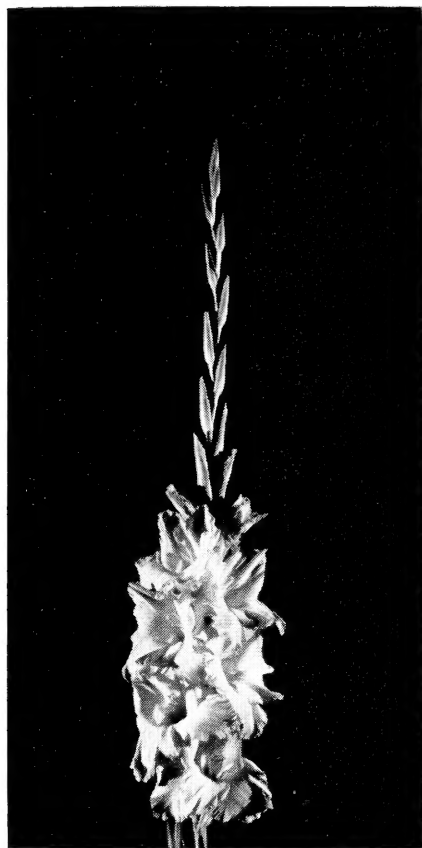
**WHITE TOWER** (M 501 Lins 51) One of the finest releases of the 1951 season and we believe the best variety in its class. Not well known, but the approval by the NAGC Trial Gardens will probably encourage more growers to try it. The 5¾" blooms are a cream white shading a little deeper in the throat and with a light red blotch. The florets are of heavy substance, well attached and very attractive. Spikes are 55"-60" tall with 18 buds on a 28" head and 7 open in good placement.

<i>Large</i>	\$1.50	<i>Medium</i>	\$1.00	<i>Small</i>	\$.50	<i>Bulblets</i>	2-\$.25
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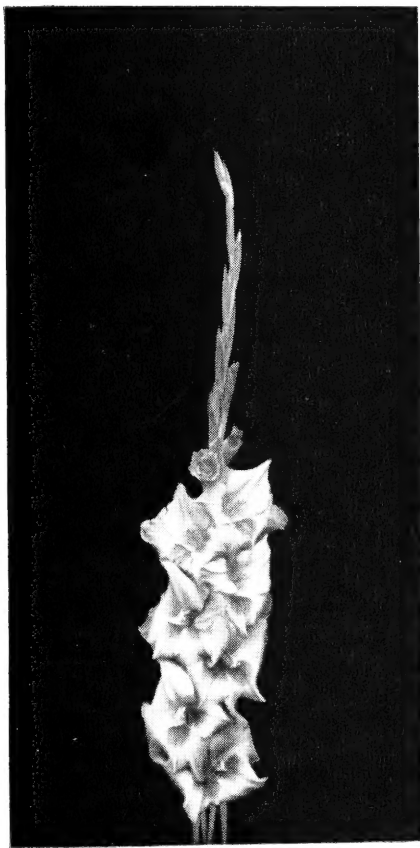
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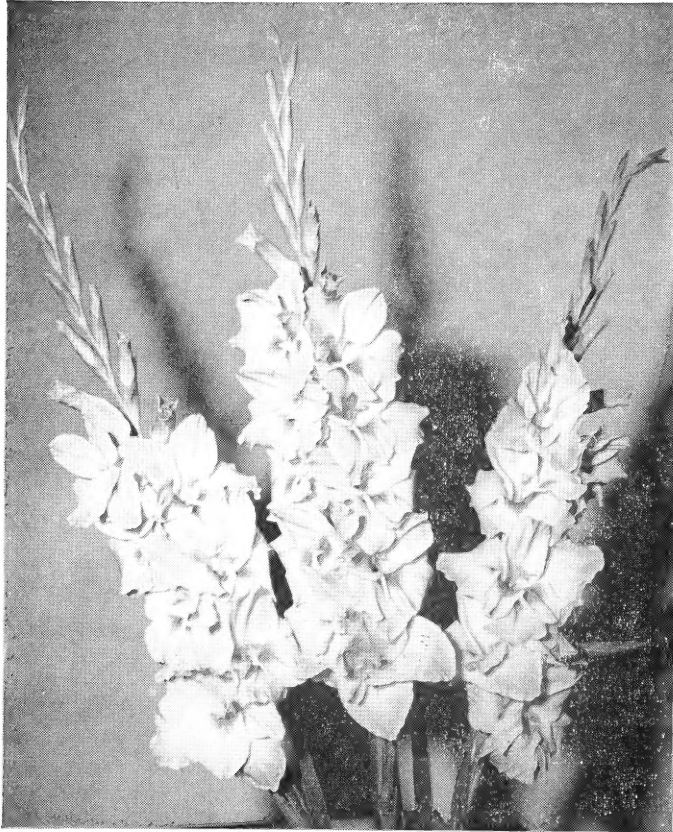
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Stylish	1	2	2	20
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